



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

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Tuesday, November 18, 2014

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer, and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Mr. Ron Stevens, Member for Calgary-Glenmore, 1997 to 2009, who passed away on May 13, 2014; Mr. Drew Hutton, Member for Edmonton-Glenora, 2001 to 2004, who passed away on August 18, 2014; Mr. Bill Diachuk, Member for Edmonton-Beverly, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on October 17, 2014; and Mr. Keith Alexander, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, 1982 to 1985, who passed away on November 12, 2014.

**Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations, Legislative Secretaries**

Honourable Members, before we proceed with the Daily Routine and the first question period of this session, I would like to make a brief statement about changes in the rotation for Oral Question Period and Members' Statements and the role of Legislative Secretaries in the Assembly.

This statement is further to my November 10, 2014, memo to all Members which included the Projected Sitting Days Calendar and the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations for the Third Session of the 28th Legislature. I note that my office has not received a House Leaders' Agreement varying the rotation outlined in the attachments to that memo so we will proceed on the basis of those rotations.

The change to the rotations since last session is made necessary by the changes in caucus membership. The only difference from the standings when the House Leaders' Agreement was reached on rotations in May 2012 is that there is one independent Member, who was formerly a Member of the Wildrose caucus.

In keeping with the practice of an independent Member being entitled to ask one question per sitting week, the Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre will be able ask the sixth question on day four of the rotation, which will be Monday, November 24, as today is day one in the rotation.

So, the Official Opposition is entitled to the first three questions each day, the Liberal caucus is entitled to the fourth question and the ND caucus is entitled to the fifth question. The Official Opposition may ask the sixth question each day except for day four in the rotation when it will be the turn of the Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre. The Official Opposition will be entitled to ask the eighth, 12th, 14th, and 16th questions each day. Members of the Government caucus will be entitled to ask the ninth, 13th, 15th, and 17th questions each day. The Liberal caucus may ask the 10th question each day and the ND caucus the 11th. The 18th question will rotate, with the Official Opposition entitled to ask it on days one and three of the rotation – that would be today and Thursday – with the Government caucus asking it on day two and the Liberal caucus being entitled to the 18th question on day four of the rotation.

With respect to the rotation for Members' Statements, this has also been modified to provide for one statement for the independent Member every three weeks. This is reflected on the Projected Sitting Days Calendar that I sent you under cover of my November 10, 2014, memo.

I should also point out that there is a motion on the Order Paper for the sitting to be extended past December 4, 2014. If this motion passes, there will be a new Projected Sitting Days Calendar issued and sent to everyone.

Another difference from the last time the Assembly met is that there are now four Legislative Secretaries and one Special Advisor who have been appointed by the Government.

I want to reaffirm past Speakers' rulings that have been made on the role of Legislative Secretaries and similar positions. Essentially, as the occupants of these offices are not members of Executive Council, they are not entitled to respond to questions during Oral Question Period on matters of government policy. As Speaker Kowalski said on April 16, 2008, at page 13 of Alberta Hansard for that day, "Without detracting from the work they perform, for the purposes of the Assembly, Members occupying these positions are considered private Members as opposed to the Government."

The point of Oral Question Period is to hold the Government to account. Legislative Secretaries are not members of Executive Council and therefore cannot respond to questions on behalf of the Government. Speaker Schumacher made the same point found at page 2854 of Alberta Hansard for November 7, 1994.

If Members have any questions about the rotations or other matters in this Statement, I encourage you to contact my office.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing November 19 to 25, 2014, as National Addictions Awareness Week.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of the Wildrose since 2012 in their role as the Official Opposition.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Shell Place, a new stadium in Fort McMurray, and the 2015 Northern Kickoff, between the Edmonton Eskimos and the Saskatchewan Roughriders, to be held at Shell Place on June 13, 2015, as part of the grand opening.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Alberta Health School Community Wellness Fund, a joint initiative of the Ministries of Health and Education with the University of Alberta, and the leadership of the Black Gold regional schools in promoting youth health and wellness.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the benefits of a joint-use agreement for schools between the Public and Catholic School Boards to address the need for new school spaces.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Ms Olesen, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

Standing Committee on Families and Communities, Review of the draft Publication Ban (Court Applications and Orders) Regulation, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, Third Session, dated November 2014

Sessional Paper 2/2014

## **Privilege – Statements by Members Regarding Travel to Grande Prairie**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Member for Grande-Prairie Wapiti, the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and the Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert stating that a trip to Grande Prairie on October 25, 2012, was for Government business.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri

Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 5 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Jeneroux, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5), Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated October 2014

Sessional Paper 3/2014

Pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2), 2013 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 4/2014

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Calgary Board of Education report to board trustees dated October 14, 2014, regarding the 2015/16 modular classroom plan

Sessional Paper 5/2014

PC Alberta website article dated October 22, 2014, entitled “An Open Letter from Gordon Dirks to the Parents of Elbow Park, William Reid and Earl Grey Schools”

Sessional Paper 6/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Don Randal regarding the unsatisfactory treatment that his son, who suffers from severe autism, received at the Stollery Children's Hospital

Sessional Paper 7/2014

Letter dated August 4, 2014, from Delphene Buhr to Hon. Laurie Hawn, Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre, expressing concern regarding the need to increase the amount of benefits for diabetic supplies provided by the Alberta Monitoring for Health Program

Sessional Paper 8/2014

Advertisement and report entitled "Pay Equity for the Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly" prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees Pay and Social Equity Committee

Sessional Paper 9/2014

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

CBC News website article dated October 16, 2014, entitled "New rapid transfer units aim to free up ER space," relating to comments made by Mrs. Forsyth during Oral Question Period on November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 10/2014

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View:

Metro News website article dated September 7, 2014, entitled "Promises, promises: Five things Jim Prentice said he would do as Alberta premier," relating to comments made by Mr. McAllister during Oral Question Period on November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 11/2014

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Property Rights Advocate Act, cP-26.5, s5(3):

Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 264/2014

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 12/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services:

Responses to Written Questions WQ42 and WQ43 asked for by Mr. Wilson on December 2, 2013:

WQ42. From May 1, 2009, to May 1, 2013, how many individuals were trained to complete Supports Intensity Scale interviews, and what specific training is required in order to qualify them to administer the interview?

WQ43. From May 1, 2012, to May 1, 2013, how many clients did the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program serve, and how many completed the Supports Intensity Scale interview process?

Sessional Paper 13/2014

### **Privilege – Statements by Members Regarding Travel to Grande Prairie**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Member for Grande-Prairie Wapiti, the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and the Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert stating that a trip to Grande Prairie on October 25, 2012, was for Government business.

The Speaker heard from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Mr. Denis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Eggen, Mr. Horner, Mr. Horne, and Hon. Mr. Drysdale.

The Speaker stated he would rule on the matter at a later date.

During debate on the question of privilege, Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, tabled the following:

Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune article dated August 13, 2014, entitled “Drysdale flight justified; Brake comments unfortunate”

Sessional Paper 14/2014

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), commencing the week of November 24, 2014, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2014 Fall Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2014 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall be extended

- (a) up to and including December 18, 2014, or
- (b) until the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded

whichever occurs earlier, at which time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective March 4, 2014, be amended as follows:

**Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended**

- (a) **in clause (a)**
  - (i) **by striking out** “Culture” **and substituting** “Culture and Tourism”;
  - (ii) **by adding** “Seniors,” **after** “Education,”;
- (b) **in clause (b) by striking out** “Tourism, Parks and Recreation,”.

B. And be it further resolved that this motion takes effect upon passage.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

**Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund**  
(9 Members)

Casey (Chair)	Barnes	Lukaszuk
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Ellis	Mason
Amery	Horner	Sherman

**Standing Committee on Legislative Offices** (11 Members)

Jeneroux (Chair)	Brown	Quadri
Starke (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Wilson
Bikman	Eggen	Young
Blakeman	Leskiw	

**Standing Committee on Private Bills** (15 Members)

Leskiw (Chair)	DeLong	Rowe
Cusanelli (Deputy Chair)	Fenske	Stier
Allen	Fritz	Strankman
Bilous	Jablonski	Swann
Brown	Olesen	Xiao

**Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing** (15 Members)

Luan (Chair)	Casey	Pedersen
Rogers (Deputy Chair)	Ellis	Rodney
Bilous	Kang	Saskiw
Calahasen	Olesen	Starke
Cao	Pastoor	Wilson

**Standing Committee on Public Accounts** (15 Members)

Anderson (Chair)	Bilous	Jeneroux
Young (Deputy Chair)	Donovan	Luan
Allen	Hehr	Pastoor
Amery	Horne	Sandhu
Barnes	Jansen	Sarich



**Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)**

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Griffiths	McDonald
VanderBurg (Deputy Chair)	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sherman
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Towle
Fritz	Mason	

**Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (15 Members)**

Amery (Chair)	Horne	Quadri
Fox (Deputy Chair)	Kennedy-Glans	Rogers
Dallas	Lemke	Rowe
Eggen	Luan	Sarich
Hehr	McDonald	Stier

**Standing Committee on Families and Communities (15 Members)**

Olesen (Chair)	Fox	Quest
Pedersen (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Rodney
Cusanelli	Jablonski	Sandhu
Eggen	Leskiw	Swann
Fenske	McAllister	Weadick

**Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (15 Members)**

Goudreau (Chair)	Blakeman	Fraser
Hale (Deputy Chair)	Brown	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)
Allen	Calahasen	Mason
Anglin	Cao	Xiao
Bikman	Casey	Young

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:**

Be it resolved that Standing Order 3(6), which provides for one constituency week for every three sitting weeks, not apply to the 2014 Fall Sitting.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 1    Respecting Property Rights Act — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Prentice

Hon. Mr. Denis moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Bikman speaking.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Gene Zwozdesky,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 18, 2014